

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-39 are pending in this Application. Claim 9 is cancelled. Claims 8 and 21 have been withdrawn, but should be considered in the event a generic claim is allowed. Claims 27-39 are added. The Examiner's indication that claims 22-26 are allowed is gratefully acknowledged.

102 rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hickey (US 5,189,782).

103 rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 13, 16, 17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lauterbach et al. (US 4,660,531) in view of Casey (US 4,552,311). Claims 2 and 14 are rejected as unpatentable over Lauterbach et al. in view of Casey, and further in view of Scollard et al. (US 6,341,595). Claims 4 and 15 are rejected as unpatentable over Lauterbach et al. in view of Casey, and further in view of Woodacre (US 4,092,517). Claims 10 and 18 are rejected as unpatentable over Lauterbach et al. in view of Casey, and further in view of Sims Jr. et al. (US 6,205,979).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to specify, among other things, that the injection module includes an overmolding covering at least a portion of the fuel rail and at least a portion of the fuel injector. Hickey does not teach or suggest an overmolding separate from the fuel rail that covers at least a portion of the fuel rail and at least a portion of the fuel injector, as claimed in amended claim 1. Likewise, neither Lauterbach et al. nor Casey teaches or suggests any overmolding covering at least a portion of the fuel rail and at least a portion of the fuel injector, as claimed in amended claim 1.

For these reasons, amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-7, 10-12, 37, and 38 are allowable. New dependent claim 37 includes features that have been removed from amended claim 1. New dependent claim 38 further specifies that the fuel rail is metallic.

Independent claim 13 also specifies an overmolding covering at least a portion of the fuel rail, at least a portion of the electrical connector, and at least a portion of each fuel injector. Hickey does not teach or suggest an overmolding separate from the fuel rail that covers at least a portion of the fuel rail, at least a portion of the electrical connector, and at least a portion of each fuel injector, as claimed in claim 13. Likewise, neither Lauterbach et al. nor Casey teaches or suggests any overmolding covering at least a portion of the fuel rail, at least a portion of the electrical connector, and at least a portion of the fuel injector, as claimed in claim 13.

For these reasons, claim 13 and dependent claims 14-20 and 39 are allowable. New dependent claim 39 further specifies that the fuel rail is metallic.

New claims 27-39 have been added to define additional patentable subject matter not taught or suggested by the references discussed above. No new subject matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims 1-8 and 10-39 are respectfully requested.

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